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1. During World War II a maximum number of 125 trains was handled daily at the Czechoslovak border station of Devinska Nova Ves (P49/ X 89). This number was broken up as follows according to individual directions:

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| Bratislava (P49/ X 99) to Vienna | 25 trains |
| Vienna to Bratislava | 24 trains |
| Bratislava to Breclav (P49/ S 75). | 38 trains |
| Breclav to Bratislava. | 38 trains |

The trains going between Vienna and Bratislava were placed on four siding tracks two of which served the traffic from Bratislava to Vienna and two the traffic in the opposite direction.

2. The maximum number of trains daily handled at the station of Devinska Nova Ves between the end of World War II and the present date may be estimated at 110:

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| Bratislava to Vienna | 4 trains |
| Vienna to Bratislava | 10 trains |
| Bratislava to Breclav | 48 trains |
| Breclav to Bratislava | 48 trains |

3. Capacity of the station. Twelve of the fourteen tracks the station possesses are siding tracks with a total usable length of 1,700 m. so that theoretically about 170 railroad cars can be placed on each track. Practically the maximum capacity of the station is approximately 1,400 cars. The maximum number of trains which can be dispatched daily from Devinska Nova Ves is 270:

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| Bratislava to Vienna | 35 trains |
| Vienna to Bratislava | 35 trains |
| Bratislava to Breclav | 100 trains |
| Breclav to Bratislava | 100 trains |

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4. The line Bratislava - Breclav is at present operated as a double-track line, the line Bratislava - Vienna as a one-track line. On the latter only one locomotive (No. 354.1122) - which is suited only for pulling passenger trains up to a total weight of 800,000kg - is currently in operation to haul cars in and out of Devinska Nova Ves. Inasmuch as the total weight of the freight cars gathering daily at the station of Marchegg now usually exceeds the maximum capacity of this locomotive by far (often 3 to 5 million kg), it has to make the round trip to Devinska Nova Ves several times a day. As is indicated by the first three figures of the number (3/5/4), the locomotive has three axles connected with the driving lever, a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour, and an axle pressure of 14 tons. 1
5. The station of Devinska Nova Ves is at present fully utilized as a marshalling yard for Bratislava, inasmuch as the railroad installations there are unable to cope with the heavy traffic.

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